

3. Organize or help to organize or become a member of or voluntarily assemble with any society, group or assembly of persons formed to teach or advocate the doctrine that the Government of the United States or a political subdivision of the United States should be overthrown by force, violence or any unlawful means.

Violations made felony.

Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Assembly for subversive purposes, prohibited.

Whenever two or more persons assemble for the purpose of advocating or teaching the doctrine that the Government of the United States or a political subdivision of the United States should be overthrown by force, violence or any unlawful means, such an assembly is unlawful, and every person voluntarily participating therein by his presence, aid or investigation, shall be guilty of a felony and punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Violations made felony.

Editor, proprietor, etc., of book, newspaper, etc., chargeable with matter published.

Every editor or proprietor of a book, newspaper or serial and every manager of a partnership or incorporated association by which a book, newspaper or serial is issued, is chargeable with the publication of any matter contained in such book, newspaper or serial. But in every prosecution therefor, the defendant may show in his defense that the matter complained of was published without his knowledge or fault and against his wishes, by another who had no authority from him to make the publication and whose act was disavowed by him as soon as known.

Defense.

Employment of subversive persons by State departments, etc., prohibited.

No person shall be employed by any department, bureau, institution, or agency of the State of North Carolina who has participated in any of the activities described in this Section, and any person now employed by any department, bureau, institution, or agency and who has been or is engaged in any of the activities described in this Section shall be forthwith discharged. Evidence satisfactory to the head of such department, bureau, institution, or agency of the State shall be sufficient for refusal to employ any person or cause for discharge of any employee for the reasons set forth in this paragraph.

Discharge of subversive employees.

Evidence sufficient for refusal to employ or for discharge.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of April, 1947.